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**A routine investigation leads Excise Officers on a foot pursuit
that ends inside a South Bend residence.**

On July 28, 2007 at approximately 8:30PM, Indiana State Excise Police Officers Chris Bard & Jason Szemes were working a Cops In Shops enforcement detail at the McKinley Package store located at 2934 E. McKinley Ave.. Cops In Shops is a federally funded program that pays Excise Officers overtime to work inside package liquor stores and check ID's. While investigating the age of a subject inside the store, later identified as Dequanta P. Webb, Webb jumped the sales counter inside the store and fled out the front door of the business. As Bard & Szemes pursued the subject on foot, he continued to flee across McKinley Ave., eventually fleeing into a house on Essex Dr., where he was apprehended by the officers. Webb, was charged with Minor Entering a Liquor Store, False Informing, Resisting Law Enforcement, Criminal Mischief, Residential Entry and Burglary. Webb, 18, has other prior felony convictions for related offenses in 2006.

North Area Captain Greg Deitchley said, "These officers embodied the Mission of our department and did what they were sworn to do".